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Up and down, o'er hill and valley,
Sounds the Easter jubilee;
Breezes sing it—echoes fling it;
Bursting bud, and leaf, and tree
Whisper of the life to be.

All the world is full of glory;
All the bonds of death are riven;
Listen to the swelling chorus—
Christ, the Lord, has risen, risen!
Sing, oh earth, fling wide the story,
While the echoes ring, and ring,
Pulsing—throbbing with the glory—
Grave is conquered! Christ is King!

—L. D. Stearns.

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

The Undefeatable Praying Minority

GOD, in all ages, has carried on revival ministries in the assemblies of His saints through an undefeatable praying minority. The praying "two's" and "three's" again and again have prevailed with God and thus reversed what otherwise were hopeless situations. Numerous examples of this fact are found in both Testaments. These intercessors "stood in the gap" and turned the tide in favor of the people of God.

Thus did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Through prayer, they "subdued kingdoms, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, and wrought righteousness." Outnumbered seven million to one, the godly remnant prevailed. Undreamed-of blessing descended upon the people of God through their utter dependence upon the God of all grace.

Isaiah, Hezekiah, and their praying companions succeeded in the face of overwhelming odds. When the wicked, even their adversaries, came upon them to eat up their flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamped against them, their hearts did not fear. Though war rose against them, they were confident in God. In answer to their united cry, God saved them with a miraculous deliverance. One hundred and eighty-five thousand of Sennacherib's army fell in a night under a stroke of God. Thus God interposed when all hope seemed lost.

Ezra and his praying companions at the river Ahava secured God's special favor for the whole nation. Their boast in God was amply sustained. God gave them more protection than a regiment of royal soldiers would have assured. They abundantly proved the assertion made to the king, viz: "*The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him*" (Ezra 8 : 22).

Post-exilic saints, under the leadership of Haggai and Zechariah, by their prayerful devotion to God, obtained the completion of the Second Temple and the revival of the nation. In answer to their united supplications, "The Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel . . . and the spirit of Joshua . . . the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God" (Haggai 1 : 14).

The New Testament abounds with numerous examples of how *praying minorities* repeatedly called down blessing from God, turned defeats into victories, and barrenness into astounding fruitfulness. The disciples at Pentecost obtained blessings for a sin-hardened nation. Had we taken the religious census of Judah and Jerusalem, we would have reported as follows: "Modernists, 3,000,000; Fundamentalists, approximately 500" (I Cor. 15 : 6). Yet the *praying minority* in one day wrested 3000 precious souls from the domination of false religious leaders. Later, thousands more believed. God

stretched forth His hand to heal; and signs and wonders were done in the name of the holy child Jesus (Acts 4 : 30). Paul and his friends, by prayer, opened cities and countries to the gospel.

God is the same today. *Praying minorities*, count upon God's faithfulness even when conditions seem desperate and hope is at the lowest ebb! Moses secured God's favor on a "peradventure" (Ex. 32 : 30); Jonathan and his armor bearer prevailed on an "it may be" (I Sam. 14 : 6); the king of Nineveh turned God's wrath from his people on a "Who can tell?" (Jonah 3 : 8-10). The great triumphs are all trophies of prayer.

Our ever faithful God still loves to honor intercession. Find like-minded intercessors. Pray for the Revival. Though few in number, God will hear you for a new awakening, a re-vitalizing, and a re-filling of the church through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. "Stand in the gap!" Plead! Plead the victory of the Cross, the Blood of Christ, the unfailing promises, the Name of the Lord Jesus. By spiritual weapons, pull down the strongholds of Satan, bring about the confession and forsaking of sin, the renewal of faith, and the removal of worldliness. Back of the "professing church" is the mighty power of Satan the deceiver; but *back of praying saints is the Almighty power of the risen Lord*. Pray, and get others to pray with you for Revival. The revival of the church always has been by prayer; evangelization of the world must be by prayer. The *praying minority*, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is undefeatable.

—*Great Commission Prayer League.*

Remember, it is not enough to be in church—we must be in Christ. It is not enough to call ourselves by the name of Christ; we must have the mind of Christ and the spirit of Christ.

—*Dr. Donald Davidson.*

Ask not how, but trust Him still;
Ask not when, but wait His will;
Simply on His word rely,
"God shall all your need supply."

—*Frances R. Havergal.*

"Listen! God Speaks"

is the arresting title of Dr. A. C. Gaebelein's latest book. Why does God permit sin, crime, war, and all forms of unrighteousness to continue? Will God speak again? This book gives the answer.

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"We Have" By Pastor Herbert Hogg

CONTINUING our meditations on what we now have as believers, we take up Romans 5 : 2, where we read, "*We have* access by faith into this grace wherein we stand." Our Lord is the door, the way into the Christian life (John 10 : 9; John 14 : 6). After entering and stepping over the threshold, we find a further access. Into what? Into a grace that provides for our keeping. "Standing" suggests this and also a walk that is consistent. Saved and kept—what a gracious provision! The happy Christian pedler rejoiced that not only was he saved but he knew the Man who saved him. Fellowship with Christ follows redemption by the blood of Christ. This gives strength for the experiences of life, with its crosses, burdens, and conflicts.

The apostle says, "We have." When buffeted by adversity, tempted by sin, or tried by testing, rejoice, dear child of God, that you now actually have "access into grace wherein we stand." We are not left alone to do the best we can. No! God's best and His way are always the provision. Christ's redeeming work for us and the Spirit's work in us—how blessed the combination that gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15 : 57; II Cor. 2 : 14)!

In the following poem, "What God Has Promised," Miss Annie Johnson Flint gives a very fitting contrast. She shows what God has *not* promised, and then, in the grace to which *we have* access, the full provision that is made for our every need.

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

The Lining of Love

It is only those who accept daily the Lord's ruling about things, who know how much joy there may be in little acts of self-denial for His sake; only those who are under law to God, who know how possible it is to be under law to Him and yet be as free as a child in his father's house; only those who have taken upon them the yoke of Christ, who know how easily it lies upon the shoulders by reason of its soft silken lining of love, and that it is only when we are under that yoke we can find rest unto our souls.—*Rev. William Houghton.*

Difficulties Faced

Lord Lyttelton, a statesman of the eighteenth century, said to his physician in his last hours:

"Doctor, you shall be my confessor. When I first set out in the world, I had friends who endeavoured to shake my belief in the Christian religion. I saw difficulties which staggered me, but I kept my mind open to conviction. The evidence and doctrines of Christianity, studied with attention, made me a most firm believer in its truth. I have made it the rule of my life, and it is now the ground of my hope."

Activities In Albania

By Edwin E. Jacques

LEST we forget" our missionary partners and God-given responsibility in Albania, this second letter is sent out. These new days are bringing new experiences to us—we have not gone this way before—so we are glad for every one of you who is upholding our hands by prayer and support. A few letters have been received; very, very few have been answered till now, so it seems good, at the beginning of this year, to take an inventory.

Property—The Mission has this large building, which for years has served as the American School. Situated in the Orthodox section of town, it is free of debt and, with minor exceptions, in good repair. There are twenty-four rooms, fourteen of which are used regularly; all are in use to capacity on Sundays. There is no church building.

Four Albanian Missionaries And One Prospect

Spiritualities—Neither is there a church body. This is the primary concern now. Friends and sympathizers are many; self-styled "Protestants," who protest against a corrupt Orthodox church, are also found; but as to born-again ones, I would not dare number, besides the workers, more than five. The Mission suffered loss in the death of the converted judge. Our inquirers are a constant disappointment. Nine callers out of ten come to have letters written in English, or to seek influence in getting to America, or to ask for money. They would rather go to America than Paradise, and prefer a half lek to Christ's unsearchable riches.

"*Go . . . Preach the Gospel.*" Because of the crowd attending Bible School (just under 400) we have to hold two sessions, at 8.30 and 9.30 A. M. The teachers do double duty. During each session we have three separate departments, led by Mr. Cheno, Mrs. Jacques, and myself. About 75 children have memorized the "I am's" of Christ in the book of John, and received a Gospel for use during this quarter's study of that book. All but about 35 of our attendance are registered in classes and are now attending regularly. A great pile of vegetables and food was received at Christmas time for the poor, also flour and charcoal bought. Almost all of these children, however, come from Orthodox homes. We are greatly handicapped in the matter of teachers. How far can an unsaved Bible teacher lead the scholar? But for the present we have to use some.

At 10.30 A. M. is the Morning Service. About 60 people attend. From Christmas to Easter, we study Matthew's Gospel. Copies have been given out to those promising to read them daily. We have had some good times with the Word. On the other hand, resentment has been aroused on the part of others—which is not always an unhealthy sign.

Mrs. Jacques has the girls' C. E. Society Sunday afternoon at 2.00—boys are simply not allowed. Gospel meetings are held Sunday and Wednesday evenings. A prayer meeting for women is held on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Konrad, who are studying the language, are somewhat handicapped in helping out. She plays the organ; he serves in any humble capacity possible. His latest responsibility is that of volunteer fire chief—kindling nine fires in the Sunday School rooms.

Support—The Konrads and we are supported by gifts designated particularly for our support; other gifts are devoted to the Mission work.

A semi-annual statement will be sent out.

One of our recent joys was meeting Bajram (Byram). For two or three days he stayed in our home. We heard personally, then, of his deep dissatisfaction while a student in the Moslem seminary. He read all he could about Christ. One day in the market he secured a Bible from Mr. Kennedy. For two years he considered the matter, then left the Seminary and Islam, and received Christ as his Saviour. Since then he has been in touch with Mrs. Kennedy, and is openly confessing Christ. He has just come to live about twelve miles from Kortcha, but comes in, week-ends. Last week, because of the mud, he came on foot. He has a class in Sunday School. The Orthodox so-called "Christian" scholars refer to him as the "hodja" (Moslem priest), and are so amazed that *he* should be teaching *them* about *Christ!* He is qualified, however. It seems so good to hear one with a Moslem name "Bajram" pray "in the Name of the Lord Christ." We want you to pray much for him. He is urging his friends to come and hear the gospel.

There are continual rumors of suppression in these disturbed parts. We understand that spies are watching the attendants of the meetings, and some sort of coercion will be brought to bear. Possibly our day is waning, and the night cometh. It is becoming more and more difficult for an individual to differ from the herd. We were rather surprised to be required by the police to send in an application for permission to reside in Kortcha. This is a new law. Our permit is granted—for one year; annually it must be renewed. There is also a strict censorship of the press. A law one week old provides a $700 fine or a year in jail for printing anything which "hinders national unity, or is considered to offend the morals, good customs, or state regime of Albania."

Pray on about the opening of a work in the Moslem district. With the coming of Bajram, it seems that things are shaping together for that end. There will undoubtedly be ill feeling, and possibly dealings with the "powers that be"—that's where your intercession will help us prevail.

Then, we have felt concerned about the rest of Albania. Outside of Kortcha there is no testimony whatsoever, with the exception of a colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Except for occasional colportage trips, our work keeps us here, so we anticipate placing Scripture advertisements in the papers, and offering, to all mail applicants, Scriptures and tracts on the Way of Life. Thus we should be able to reach the whole country. Bajram says he knows several in the same condition as he once was—inquiring about Christ's offer of salvation, and now weighing the old and the new. The Word of God sufficed for him; we must get it out. Pray that no hindrance will be given, either in advertising or in using the mails.

Even at present, we are busy enough—with the many details of the meetings, printing, personal contacts, the language, property, accounts, and home responsibilities (Eddie is the major one of these). There is also the demand for a widening of the testimony to reach those as yet untouched. The temptation is to become too busy—to so load up the day with duties that we have no time for Him. Arthur says that, therefore, too many preachers are becoming cheerleaders instead of prophets. Jesus chose the apostles first of all *to be with Him*, and then to *go out and preach* (Mark 3: 14). So we want His perspective, that we may not fall for this most subtle device of the enemy. Oh, that out of us all might flow the rivers of living water, and that the sin-parched lives around us might thereby be refreshed!

We all send greetings and Christian love.

PRAYER NEEDS

By Miss E. H. Steyrer
(Austria)

PRAY for the Christians in Europe, that they may band themselves together in prayer and love as never before, that they may buy out the time that is left them to win souls for the Lord, and that they may be strong to the end.

Please pray for us in Austria in a special way, also for Pastor Monsky and all his missionaries and co-workers, and that his work may not have to be cut off because of lack of support.

I am very busy and the Lord is blessing. Praise His Name!

Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, . . . and I will be a Father unto you (II Cor. 6: 17, 18).

Superstition's Blight

By Charles Lukesh (Czechoslovakia)

Miss Hollas

WE ARE endeavoring to work for the Lord the best we can in the sphere of service which is ours. Instead of receiving more helpers, who are so sorely needed, it looks as though we would lose the help we already have. Our volunteer helper, Sister Hollas, has been suffering for some time from ulcers of the stomach, and at her age the trouble is a serious one. Not only would we lose her actual help in the mailing department, but also her financial help, for she gives her all to the Lord. Pray with us, please, that the work may not be hindered or retarded, just at a time when it is most needed.

I fear the various reports of how well the gospel is being received, leave the impression that our preaching is welcomed by everybody, which is far from being the case. Some people are open to the message, to a certain degree, and willing to listen, but far from yielding to the Lord. We recently visited a middle class family and were well received. They even expressed themselves as not believing in the priests, because of the inconsistent lives some of them lead. "But," they said, "we believe in God," and the lady stepped into the adjoining room and brought out an image of the Lord Jesus, about twelve inches high, and said, "We have our Lord God at home, and every time I go into the room I kiss Him." If it had not been said in perfect seriousness, I would have thought she was joking, for when I took the figure in my hands and turned it around, I noticed that it was worm-eaten. I called her attention to it, but evidently that made no difference—it was their God! Think of it! That was not in dark, ignorant Africa, but among intelligent people in the center of Europe.

Note, too, the contents of a clipping from the daily papers, which was handed me the other day. In the village of V—there was a fire. As the houses all had thatched roofs, the people were panic-stricken, fearing the whole village would be burned down. Then the old women resorted to superstition and compelled a young woman to disrobe and, in a nude condition, run between the burning buildings. They claim that the presence of a nude young woman will keep fire from spreading. Of course, she has to keep it up until the fire has been extinguished. The fire was put out and only the building in which it started was burned to the foundation. They claimed that this was due to the fact that it was owned by a Jew, who was not included in the charm, which works only in the case of "believers." If you want to be classed among true believers here, you must worship all images—whether of paper, wood, stone, or metal, whatever form or name they may have—and believe all the superstition that goes with it, however contrary to reason it may be.

One may ask, are the people really so dense? There are many who are unbelievably darkened in their minds, for they have been brought up thus and "the only true church" tells them to believe these things, and therefore it must be so! But are there not those who would be intelligent enough to see and understand? Oh, yes, but for them the wooden gods have a different charm—it is a question of bread and butter. You cannot imagine how far-reaching are the fingers of the priests. They do not mix in politics for nothing, and they know too well how to wield the club of their influence. Where they cannot carry out their plans directly, they find ways and means of doing it indirectly, being ashamed of nothing.

Only last week we were visiting a blind believer in a neighboring village, as she is seriously ill. She was very happy because she had received at Christmas time a gift of a Gospel in the raised print for the blind. Though so weak that she is able to read but three verses at a time, and nine a day at the most, she is thankful to be able to read so

much, as she is practically forsaken. Her parents will not listen to anything about the Living Word and are very obstinate. I cannot help feeling that it is due to their fear of the powers of darkness. They are afraid that if in any way they should show an inclination to hear the gospel message, their means of earning a livelihood would be cut off. Their blind daughter learned to love the Lord while away from home, but when she was taken ill she had to return to her parents. Do we ask why? Perhaps in order that her patient suffering might speak more loudly to her parents than anything else could. Whenever she is a little better, she comes for a few days' visit to a married friend in this town, who is also a faithful believer, and she then attends the mission services and lays up food for the dark days that will follow.

We are thankful that the illness of Sister Hollas did not break out fully until after Christmas, as that is the busiest time of the year for us, though we do not lack overtime work at other times! A good bit of the burden she bore falls on me, though some helpers have volunteered to help with the addressing, etc. It is no small matter to write and supervise the printing and correcting of three papers monthly, in two quite distinct languages, and then attend to all the resulting correspondence. It is no empty claim we are making when we say we are trying to do the work of at least three couples. No wonder some of it must suffer! Please pray with us that our every need may be met, the financial one not being the least. Real prayer is needed and appreciated by us. We are counting on you to stand by us, as we gladly serve our Lord and Master.

IN HARBIN

By S. P. Badantseff

(Manchuria)

ON NOVEMBER 22d we held a special meeting in memory of our late brother, I. S. Prokhanoff. We invited to this meeting Baptists, Methodists, and Molokans (like Quakers). We had with us also a Lutheran pastor, as well as a former Russian attorney. All the guests spoke and the meeting lasted for seven hours. There were many favorable comments about this meeting, and the people expressed a desire to have such gatherings more frequently.

I am sorry to say that our Russian church is experiencing acute financial distress, because of the unemployment of our people. The members are able to pay only 10 Manchurian goby a month, while we must pay 40 goby a month rent for our place of worship, which does not include heating and lighting. Our trust for the future is only in the Lord.

Russian Church in Harbin (Mr. Badantseff in Center)

A New Call From the Far East

By Stephen I. Lipen (Harbin, Manchuria)

FOR over seventeen years, I have been constantly engaged in Christian work in the Harbin church of Russian Evangelical Christians. I was employed on the East-Chinese Railroad, and in this way I got money for my living, but all my spare time was devoted to Chrisian work among Russians. The railroad passed from the Russians to Chinese closely associated with Japanese, so all the Russian employes, including myself, were dismissed, Chinese and Japanese being substituted for them.

The question then arose as to my future life and activity. We have in Manchuria a very large Russian missionary field, and there are few Christian workers. Brother Badantseff, who is associated with your mission, has gone to different faraway places in Manchuria and Mongolia, to preach to Russians, and I am supplying his place as minister in the Russian Evangelical Church in Harbin.

We receive persistent invitations from Russian groups in the following places: Shanghai, Tientsin, Pekin, Cindao, Dairen, Hailar, Imianpo, and others. Even if Brother Badantseff and I were both able to devote all our time to work in these places, it would not be sufficient—but I am not able to go anywhere because of lack of funds for living and traveling expenses. I am wondering if there might be some Christian friends in America who could generously help me so that I might work zealously for souls among these Russian people. My requirements would be very moderate. I should be the happiest of men if I were to get $25.00 to $30.00 a month. It would not be easy to live, to travel, and to conduct missionary work with this amount, but I would try to do so for the sake of the Lord's work.

I can give the best of references as to my Christian character and activity. Our faithful brother, Alexander V. Dobrinin, who is a very experienced and widely known Russian evangelical worker, will speak a good word for me, as I have been associated with him in Christian work for years. I would refer you, too, to Brother Badantseff, presbyter of the Russian Evangelical Church in Harbin, and to all the brethren here.

In Manchuria there are thousands and thousands of Russian people. Most of them are in distress, living as they do between Soviet Russia and the Asiatic states. They sorely need spiritual comfort and we could humbly serve them, provided all our time could be given to this. If the Lord should lead your mission and the good donors in America to help us, we would develop the missionary activities of our Russian church through my efforts in connection with those of Brother Badantseff. I should be very happy to send regular reports to your mission about my work and the general situation in Manchuria. Please, dear brethren, consider this question prayerfully and do what you can for the spread of the gospel among the Russian people.

Stephen Lipen

A Word From Our Brother Badantseff

I hereby testify that I have known S. I. Lipen personally since 1915. He attended our services of Evangelical Christians all the time he was in military service. Brother Lipen was converted to the Lord and, after baptism, was received into church membership. Through all this time, he has been sincere and devoted in his work for the Lord. At present he is assistant to a presbyter, having been ordained by the church. He also performs the

duties of church secretary, with no remuneration.

Brother Stephen Lipen has been my best co-worker, his life being entirely surrendered to Christ. He has never sought his own interests. When he was a railroad clerk, he made donations for the Lord's work. He was attacked by wicked men, but, with the help of God, he remained firm. He is now no longer employed, and he eagerly desires to devote all his time to God, if his material support is forthcoming. I can recommend him as an experienced spiritual worker, who, being educated in general science and in theology, could be very useful in preaching the gospel in Manchuria and China. I would ask you to enroll him in the number of responsible workers and send him material support.

STANDING TO HEAR

By John Gordiuk

(Poland)

YOUR kind letters have been received. Many thanks to all the dear friends who by their prayers and means support the Lord's work here. May the Lord reward them according to His promise (Ruth 2 : 12)!

Concerning our personal needs, I will tell you frankly that I do not like to say much about them. All our temporal needs we present to our loving Father, to whom alone we look for help, claiming His promises, which stand forever. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." He loves us always and gives us even more than we ask or think. For instance, for a long time I have been thinking about a bicycle, which would help me to get around faster, but I did not have sufficient boldness to ask the Lord for it. Many times in my life I have experienced the truth of the words: "Your heavenly Father *knoweth that ye have need of all these things*" and He "is able to do exceeding *abundantly above all that we ask or think*," so I waited the Lord's time. Several weeks ago, the Lord put it into the hearts of some of His children to help me in this need, and now I have a good, new bicycle, which helps me to move faster than before. Praise Him! With the Lord's help, I have visited on the bicycle several places within a few days, and the Lord gave me much blessing in His work, although the weather was very cold.

In one village, a new work has been opened up. A very large, cold room was over-crowded with people, who stood for two hours because of the lack of benches. There was no stove or heat of any kind in the room, but the frost inside was a little easier to bear than that outside. The walls shone like snow in the sunshine. Our feet felt the cold most of all, and there was a little noise from the stamping of feet on the earthen floor, but God's love warmed the hearts and they listened attentively to the Word of God. We held two meetings in that place in one day. It is no wonder that a few days after that I suffered with catarrh.

It is very hard to describe the various difficulties in the Lord's work here, but it is still harder for those people to understand them who have never seen the conditions here. For instance, most of our churches have no Sunday Schools because of the lack of teachers. About 2,000,000 children in Poland do not attend any public school, although there is a law which obliges all children to attend public school until the age of thirteen. The spiritual, mental, and material poverty go hand-in-hand. I have been visiting believers in their homes and I find a very large field for work there. Their children are growing up without spiritual instruction, and it is no wonder that many of them are found on the "broad way." About half of the old folks cannot read and only hear the Word of God when someone else reads it. On soil of this kind many false teachers are sowing the seeds of the evil one.

On the first day of Russian Christmas, the children in Mlynow who attend Sunday School had a very interesting meeting. More than forty children participated, although the weather was very bad. At the close of the meeting they received a little package of candy and nuts, the older ones receiving books. But, as I said before, there are only a few Sunday Schools in our churches.

Please, dear friends, pray for God's work here and for me, the least of the Lord's servants. I heartily thank all those who remember us before the throne of God. I greet you all in His precious Name.

As I walk humbly before God, as I keep a tender conscience, as I listen to His voice, as I use His Word and serve Him, so I need have no fear, but have confidence in God.—*Dr. Northcote Deck.*

Constant Itinerating

By Philip Manetz (Carpathian Russia)

"*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*" (Eph. 1 : 3). "*Hitherto hath the Lord helped us*" (I Sam. 7 : 12).

AGAIN we look back on the year just passed, and we review the innumerable blessings of God, and the many opportunities which we have had to witness for our dear Saviour. Though the testimony was given in weakness and there were many failures, yet His grace was sufficient, covering all our shortcomings and deficiencies and supplying that which was lacking. "And He hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My power is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12 : 9. R.V.). The hand of our God was upon us for good. He kept us in good health, protected us from the power of the devil, supplied our every need, and filled our hearts with joy and gladness. What shall we say because of these things? "O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 117).

We are also very grateful to our dear Christian friends who hold us up in prayer, as well as with their material gifts, which by God's grace make it possible for us to continue in the work of the Lord in this neglected and very needy field. We covet the prayers of all dear Christian people. "Prayer changes things." "Much prayer, much power; little prayer, little power: no prayer, no power at all." "The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working" (James 5 : 16. R.V.). While you pray at home, God is working in Carpathian Russia. Will you pray more? See I Sam. 12 : 23.

Most of the Gentiles in Carpathian Russia are Greek Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, etc. What is the difference in these man-made religions? There is very little difference; in fact, they are equal in balance. There is not a spark of hope in any one of them. The people are living in gross darkness and superstititon, utterly ignorant

Group in Klichanovo
(Mr. Gonak in front—Mr. Manetz and Miss Selody in rear)

of God's way of salvation. Yet they are very religious and imagine themselves to be the only true Christians in the world. They call us by various names: antichrists, false prophets, deceivers, etc. The god of this world hath blinded their hearts and minds that they cannot see the simplicity and purity of the gospel of Jesus Christ (II Cor. 4 : 3-6).

A little while ago, a man in the village of Neresnice, immediately after the gospel meeting had closed, asked me the question, "Is it possible to know here and now that our sins are forgiven?" He was not satisfied with the abundant proof given in the Scriptures, because he believed in purgatory, the devil's lie. Such is the case with millions of precious souls, who are deceived by a deluded, man-made priesthood. However, the gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1 : 16). It penetrates the darkest heart and the mind of the most hardened sinner, setting him free from the power of the devil, from religious superstition, and giving him glorious liberty in Christ Jesus. Thus, we see miracles of God's grace, here and there, shining as lights in dark Carpathian Russia, to the glory of God. Therefore, in this blessed new year of 1937, we will endeavor, with renewed courage and with greater zeal, by God's grace, to go forward in His strength, thoroughly depending on the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit.

On December 3d, I visited the villages of Stavno and Volosianka, which are about 300 miles away from Bustino. These villages are located in the great forest section of the Uzhorod district, right near the Polish border. I stayed there five days, holding gospel meetings in both villages. The Lord blessed His own Word and some professed their faith in Christ, especially in the village of Volosianka. Of course, the Holy Spirit alone knows the result of their profession. These villages are in great need of a regular worker. Please pray that the need may be supplied.

During the Christmas season, we were all in Mukachevo and vicinity. Mr. Kovalchuk held gospel meetings in the village of Klichanovo, on the first day, while Miss Selody and I were in the city of Mukachevo, taking part in gospel meetings in the Hungarian Baptist Church. God blessed His own Word, and, of course, we enjoyed the Christmas program by the children and young people. On the second day, December 26th, we went to the village of Klichanovo, which is about five miles from Mukachevo, and joined Mr. Kovalchuk. In the morning service, we all took part in giving out the Word of God. Here, too, we enjoyed the blessing of God and the Christian fellowship. In the evening, I took the train and returned to Bustino. Mr. Kovalchuk and Miss Selody early next morning took the train for Stavno and Volosianka, where they spent a few profitable days in preaching the "good news" to those precious souls for whom Christ died. Here, too, they were blessed of God and brought back a good report. Thus, the villages of Stavno and Volosianka were visited by us twice in the month of December.

The city of Mukachevo is a great center for Christian work. There are hundreds of villages round about Mukachevo and vicinity, which are populated by Carpatho-Russians and Hungarian-speaking people, all of whom are waiting for the gospel. It is a crying need, indeed, for fully qualified and consecrated workers. Dear friends, as you read these lines, will you not think of this great need and ask the Holy Spirit whether you may have a part in supplying it?

The second half of the Christmas holidays, according to the Greek Orthodox calendar, falls about two weeks later. We spent this period at the central station, where most of our work is located. Most of the people in this section are Greek Orthodox, and they observe these holidays with great reverence. We took advantage of this opportunity and preached the gospel to them, having Christmas programs for the children and young people. These programs always create great interest among the people and usually draw large crowds to the gospel hall. The weather was not very pleasant. Much wet snow fell on the first day and during that night, causing great difficulty in getting from place to place. However, the Lord gave us good weather on the following day, and for the remainder of the holidays we had good, dry, cold weather. Praise God!

The children were well prepared for the Christmas programs and did their parts well. With great eagerness, they quoted many Scripture texts, told Christmas stories, recited spiritual poems, and sang many good old Christmas hymns. At the conclusion of the programs, the children received little

Christmas presents, which added much to their happiness. They were well deserved. The Christmas presents were furnished by Miss Mary Selody, through the kindness of her American friends. In Bustino, an excellent Christmas program was prepared by Mrs. Kovalchuk, with the assistance of her daughter, Anna. To Him alone be praise and glory, who "loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1 : 5). Please continue to pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the work in Carpathian Russia.

A MACEDONIAN CALL

By John Gonak

(Carpathian Russia)

ONE day I received a post card from an unknown person, addressing me as "Dear Brother in the Lord" and inviting me to come to a place which I had never visited. I did not go immediately, as I was busy in the work of the Lord at home, but when I learned that there was a company of believers and seekers there who needed my help, I put aside all other business in order to visit them.

The way was long, about 120 kilometers, and the road was in very bad condition, as there had been heavy rains. They were unable to pay my travelling expenses, so I walked most of the way, as it was almost impossible to ride my bicycle. Taking with me Gospel portions and tracts, I started on my way, visiting village after village as I went along. All the people I met were given something from my stock of literature. I dealt with people of all religions and all nationalities, including Jews and Czechs.

I finally reached the village of Kamentzy. I knew there were believers there, but I did not have a single address. I made inquiries of those whom I met as to where I could find the believers. One young girl purposely showed me the wrong way in order to waste my time. After much fruitless effort to locate those who were trusting in Christ, I met another young girl and asked her to show me where those people lived who had abandoned the faith of their fathers. She gladly accompanied me. We met an old woman, and, after the girl had told her about my inquiry, she joined us and we went on together. We found a man splitting wood, and the old woman said to me, "This is one of those Christless people whom you are seeking." Then they watched to see what I would say to the man. I thanked the woman, and then, turning to the man, I kissed him and said, "Peace be unto thee, dear brother in the Lord." When the old woman saw this, she shouted, "Look! This man whom we brought here is of the same kind. It is a pity we showed him the way."

The children in that village soon spread the news that we were going to hold an evangelistic meeting. The Lord blessed us that evening. When I told them I had to leave the next morning, the people did not want to let me go. Early in the morning the brethren came to me, asking me to teach them the hymn, "At the cross where Christ suffered for us." The people wept while I was teaching them the hymn, and begged me to return to them.

After going through many villages, I at last reached the place to which I had been invited by the post card. We had a large meeting there, and the Lord blessed us. I spent several days in that village, holding a service every evening. The house was always filled with people. Then I went to another village, where there is a great hunger for the Lord and workers are sorely needed. I could not stay there long, because I had to go to other places. There are many who are reading the gospel, but are not able to understand it, and they ask me to come and make it plain to them.

Then I went to the district of Brother Kovalchuk. It was necessary to cover 280 kilometers. I thank God that He helped me. In some places, the brethren gave me something toward my travelling expenses. On my way I caught a cold, but the Lord healed me. I became acquainted with many brethren whom I had not known before. I visited the gospel meeting of Brother Kovalchuk, and I met Brother Manetz and Sister Selody. I also saw Sister Ermolinska, who has just left the hospital.

Workers are sorely needed here, but we have no means for their support. We are praying, and we ask you in America to pray for God's work here. We believe that the Lord will not forsake us.

"Upon Thy promises I stand,
Trusting in Thee; Thy own right hand
Doth keep and comfort me;
My heart doth triumph in Thy Word;
Thine, Thine be all the praise, dear Lord,
Thine the victory."

A Wide Open Door

By John Kovalchuk (Carpathian Russia)

WE HAVE unusual opportunities for evangelization here in the winter season. One can hold meetings in villages and towns almost every night, as none of the people have anything to do at this time of the year. One can see the crowds standing on the streets all day long—smoking their pipes and talking about politics, the coming war, the rich people that oppress the poor, communism, and also about the gospel, which is being spread so rapidly in these days. The older people say they had never heard of the gospel or its messenger before the World War, and it was impossible to get the Word of God, but now the time has come when everyone can get a New Testament or even a whole Bible, for a small price or even for nothing. Surely the Word of the Lord is now being fulfilled: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Yes, thank God, the gospel news is spreading rapidly, even in this dark country, for a witness to these people also, and everyone who gets acquainted with it knows that it is really the truth and that they should live according to its teachings. Communism and all other teachings, no matter how good they seem to be and how much they promise, fail to satisfy man, but bring utter disappointment. The Lord alone can satisfy the weary soul who earnestly seeks Him, even in these hard times.

We thank the Lord for the wonderful opportunities we have of testifying for Him in this country, Carpathian Russia. We do our very best to spread the Word, both orally and by the printed page. We are especially busy at this time of year, for, in addition to the fact that the people have nothing to do, there are many different holidays in the winter in memory of the saints, and this gives us good opportunities for holding gospel meetings.

The longest and most important holiday we have here is Christmas, which is observed for a whole month. The Greek Orthodox and the Greek Catholics keep it for two weeks according to their calendar, and the Roman Catholics keep it for two weeks according to their calendar, which comes two weeks earlier. Every year we are very busy preparing our young people for Christmas programs in the various places of our wide field. We also have wonderful opportunities for holding gospel meetings during these holidays, and the Lord each year wonderfully blesses our feeble efforts.

This year we also held a series of meetings, during these holidays, in the more distant places—in the city of Mukacevo, and Klichanovo, and also in the province of Uzhorod, around the capital of Carpathian Russia. There is a crying need for a permanent worker in that wide region. We visit them from time to time, but it is not enough. Our young brother, John Gonak, visits them, also, and helps them much, but it is too far for him to go there often in winter time, on his bicycle. He would like to go and labor there constantly, if he only had $5.00 or $10.00 a month for his most necessary needs. *May the Lord provide this small help for this earnest worker!*

In our region around Bustino, we held more services and had more Christmas programs than in other parts of the country. Our young people here were better prepared than in the other places.

In order to cover more ground, we separate, holding services in different places at the same time. The winter here was mostly cold and snowy, and this gave us a better opportunity to travel from place to place by sledge. Many people heard our testimony, and much gospel literature was distributed during these holidays. We believe that "as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55: 10, 11).

At the beginning of a new year, we usually hold special New Year's services and observe the Lord's Supper, in all of our stations and out-stations. These services are mostly for the benefit of the believers.

We give thanks to God for preserving us and caring for us during the year that has closed, and also for all the friends who stand with us and help us in the work of evangelizing this country. We confess our shortcomings of the past year to the Lord, and ask Him to forgive and to help us to be more watchful, more obedient, and ready to do all we can for God's glory and for the spreading of the gospel news among the people around us, who are perishing without a Saviour. We ask the Lord to help us to be more useful in this new year and more faithful to Him than we were last year, so that, together with the Apostle Paul, we might say, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

After our thanksgiving, confession, and prayer, we observe the Lord's Supper, commemorating Christ's death for us, the fact that we were redeemed with His precious Blood, shed on the Cross for us. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in us, which we have of God, and we are not our own, for we are bought with a price; therefore we should glorify God in our body, and in our spirit, which are God's (I Cor. 6 : 19, 20). Together with the Apostle Paul, we wish also to say: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2 : 20). May the Lord help us all to be more fruitful this year than we were last year!

At the conclusion of our services, we usually invited our friends and visitors to begin the new year with Christ and see what a difference there would be at the end of a year spent with Him. There were some who gave themselves to Christ right there in the service, others who did so later, and some lifted their hands and asked us to pray that they might have full victory, etc.

We thank the Lord for all He is doing through us in this dark, needy country, and we thank all our friends in the U. S. A. who, by their help and prayers, have made it possible for us to serve Him here. Please continue to stand with us in the future.

Editorial Note. In this issue, Messrs. Kovalchuk and Manetz both make a strong plea for the support of Mr. John Gonak, a young worker who is prepared and willing to go into the Lord's service, but lacks the necessary support of $5 to $10 per month. Perhaps the Lord will lead some individual or some missionary society to have a part in sending out this young man to these more neglected parts of Carpathian Russia.

GOSPEL WORK AMID DIFFICULTY

By K. Jaroszuk
(Poland)

I WISH to inform you that during the past month the Lord helped me to visit 37 Russian, 25 Polish, and 28 Jewish families. I conducted one special evangelical meeting, five prayer meetings, one meeting for children, and also preached on three occasions. Besides this, I visited ten different places and distributed a great number of gospel tracts, besides receiving callers in my home. To accomplish the above, I walked ten kilometers and traveled 192 kilometers on my bicycle.

Early in the month, the presbyter of our community visited me, inviting me to go with him to the village of Cherniki, eight kilometers away. He had to attend to some business concerning the chapel there. After supper we started off together on our bicycles. The evening was very dark, and many times we fell from our bicycles because the roads were not lighted. In addition to that, we were obliged to find some means for crossing the river. We found one small board and managed somehow to get across. Along the way, we visited a sick brother. We arrived at our destination at 10.00 P. M. and held a prayer meeting, which was blessed by the Lord, after which we had a discussion concerning the chapel building. Late that night, we started back home, arriving at my house at 3 A. M. We were very tired, but praised the Lord for all that had been accomplished.

Two days later, I went to preach in the town of Brest-on-the-Bug, where we had a baptismal service, when six souls followed the Lord in baptism. The new converts were filled with joy and praise to God. The baptismal ceremony was conducted in a river, after which we returned to our prayer hall, where we celebrated the Lord's Supper. On this occasion, the new Christians took part for the first time. In the evening there was a special meeting conducted by the young people, who sang hymns

and recited verses of Scripture. The congregation was very large.

The next morning, it was raining hard when I returned to my home. I was wet through and through and I contracted a cold, but nevertheless I was filled with joy. On the way home I visited villages, giving my testimony about our Lord to many unsaved Russian, Jewish, and Polish people. They listened with great attention and invited me to visit them again. I do visit them sometimes, but not very often, as they are 22 kilometers away and I do not have time nor means to go to see them often.

On the 13th, we had a blessed gospel meeting in Kamenetz-Litovsk. I must say, with great regret, that the prayer hall is very small and cannot accommodate all the people, but it is impossible to get a larger room because of the poverty of the congregation.

From the 17th to the 19th I was in the village of Turna. During the day I was working, helping a brother to build his house, and in the evening I was privileged to hold gospel meetings. Everyone was interested. I might mention that the entire village is populated by Roman Catholics, who are very superstitious and ignorant of the Word of God, and preaching the gospel among them is very difficult. The Lord touched their hearts, however, and they liked our testimonies very much and invited us to come again.

On the 20th I was in the village, Verkhi, 20 kilometers away, where I conducted a gospel meeting. This was attended by a very large congregation. At the close of the service we observed the Lord's Supper. Everybody was filled with joy, praising the Lord, and many who were "almost persuaded" had more interest than ever before in the things of God. On the way home, I visited many Christian families.

On the 22nd I again visited the village Turna. I had received gospel tracts from the Scripture Gift Mission in London, and I distributed many of these among the people. The young people were especially interested and willing to receive these tracts. I pray that the Lord may use my visits to that village for His glory. May there be much fruit for the Lord! I have many invitations, asking me to come and preach the Word of God. Souls are thirsty and are seeking salvation. We must help them, but in order to accomplish all this I must have free time. To my great regret, much of my time must be used for manual work in order to support myself.

Cold weather is here and winter is coming. This is the season when the people have more free time and it is possible to approach them with the Word of God. It is necessary to utilize this opportunity, for there are many sinners who have not yet heard the Word of God. I must confess that I am in great need of warm clothing and I have no means to acquire it. In order to get the necessary things for winter, I shall be obliged to work, and in that way much valuable time for the Lord's work will be lost. I am praying that the Lord will give me strength and help to carry on and to give out the Word of God to these thirsty souls, and I do believe that He will not leave me without His help (I Peter 5 :7).

There is great need here for gospel tracts and literature in the Polish and Russian languages, for they are in great demand. It is desirable, too, to have Bible passages in Russian and Polish, for the children. My heart is grieved when I have so great a desire to help them spiritually and cannot do it. Many times the children come to me, asking for Gospels, and I cannot grant their requests. May the will of the Lord be done!

While we linger on here, we find ourselves busy enough. People are up here every day for one cause or another, and just now I am preaching each Sabbath evening, as our Albanian preacher is ill. We continue to pray with you for the advancement of Christ's kingdom amongst us here unto the saving of many.

P. B. KENNEDY (Albania).

COMPLETENESS IN CHRIST

God tells me that I am clean through the Blood, and complete in the completeness, and perfect in the perfectness, of Christ. Do I need wisdom? I get it in Him. Do I need righteousness? I have it in Him. Do I need sanctification? I get it in Him. Redemption, full and final, from the first to the last trace of evil? I have it all in Him.

Says God, "Ye are COMPLETE in Him." It is all IN HIM, HIM. "They that BELIEVE do enter into rest."—*J. Denham Smith.*

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

(Translated from Russian)

Cathedral Becomes Political Club

In the village of Gous Chrystalny, the communists have turned the cathedral of the Russian Orthodox church into a political club. In spite of this, the people continue to call the building a cathedral. The official name of this former place of worship is now City Theater. A jazz band plays each night on the steps of the temple, to entice people to enter. The admission price is one rouble. Under the great church lights, dances now take place and sometimes drunken fights occur. During the winter they dress in warm clothing to dance, as the room is not heated. On the walls are signs: "Beware of Thieves!" It is surprising that in this very neighborhood there is another church which has not been closed. Here divine services are held, and there is a fine choir, consisting of young people, some even from among the communists.

Persecuted Church Not Dead

B. Ausobsky, a journalist for a Czechoslovakian newspaper, *The Last Sheet*, paid a recent visit to Russia and gives the following report:

"The church cupolas, which so characterized the Russian cities, have disappeared. Some churches have been destroyed altogether, others have been turned into cinemas, while still others have been abandoned. It is not always convenient for the Bolsheviks to arrange their clubs in the large Russian churches.

"Religion is little discussed openly in present Russia, but the religious and moral power remains hidden in the souls of the Russian population. There are people now in Soviet Russia who fearlessly confess God. Those temples in Moscow which remain open for services, are packed with people. Young people, too, attend the churches, which are cared for by the parishioners themselves. The priests earn their own living, apart from their spiritual duties. The Russian Orthodox Church is being cleansed.

"The temple in Foros, by the Darsky Gates in Crimea, has been turned into a restaurant for tourists. In place of the former altar, there is now a bar.

"Coffins containing dead bodies are covered with red cloth, and sometimes one sees a red casket. In the red caskets they bury only honorable communists. Even in communistic Russia, the people prefer to bury their dead in graves. There is less cremating in Moscow than among the Catholics of Czechoslovakia. The clergy are permitted to conduct the funeral service, but they are not permitted to follow the funeral procession on the streets. When the communists bury their dead, speeches at the grave take the place of the funeral service. Sometimes even this is omitted, because the people have many cares and are exhausted.

"The Bolsheviks destroyed the famous Novo-Devitchy monastery and its cemetery. The tombstones were taken out and used for pavements, but it is strange that in the same place the Bolsheviks arranged a new cemetery of their own, which is watched so carefully that no one is allowed to go to see it without a special permit. In this new cemetery of the Bolsheviks, on the site of the old, famous Russian cemetery, are buried only high Soviet authorities and their relatives."

Conscious of Impending Danger

P. A. Stolypin, a capable and self-denying prime minister of Imperial Russia, who tried to convert peasants into prosperous farmers with enlarged private properties, was a deeply religious man, having been a zealous member of the Russian Orthodox church. He was constantly threatened by the revolutionists, who feared that, by improving the peasants' agricultural life, he would prevent the Revolution in Russia. This great statesman carried on his duties with religious sentiment, which he voiced in the following words: "Every morning, when I arise, I say my prayer. I look at the coming day as though it were the last one of my life, and I prepare to fulfil my duties in the light

of eternity. In the evening, when I return to my room, I thank God for giving me an extra day. This can be the only result of my constant consciousness of the nearness of death, with which I feel I will pay for my convictions. Sometimes I feel distinctly that the day will necessarily come when the plot of the murderer will be realized." Stolypin was assassinated in Kiev by a non-Russian.

Old Russian Poetry Restored

For years everything that pertained to old Russia was denounced by the Bolsheviks, and they spread these ideas in other lands than their own. Innumerable Soviet poets sprang up, and the new Soviet literature, with perverted moral tendencies, filled the shelves of the Soviet libraries. Now, however, the Bolsheviks are changing their attitude. The following statement was made recently in the newspaper of the communistic youth, *Komsomolskaya Pravda:* "It is wrong to do away with the old classic Russian poetry. We must feel the great Russian poet, Pushkin. If a communist is not stirred by the lyrics of Pushkin, Lermontov, Nekrasov, and Tiutchev, he is hardly worthy of the name of poet."

Old Russian Talent Praised

The 225th anniversary of the genial Russian scientist, Lomonosov, is being celebrated by the Soviets. In connection with this, a new course is being pursued by the Soviet press. Internationalists in Russia and foreign friends of the communists in Moscow are surprised to read in the official Soviet newspapers: "We Russians are not lazy; we are not drunken robbers; we have made great Russian history. This nation of talent and heroism has for centuries produced a multitude of fighters for the cause of the people. There have been gifted poets, musicians, architects, artists, and masters of every kind of art." The revolutionist, Stalin, leads the nation toward nationalism. This is an historical paradox and a proof of the power of Russia.

I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry (Psalm 40 : 1).

WITH THE REFUGEES

By N. Mosherenok

(Estonia)

IN THESE last years, the Russian evangelical movement has developed considerably in Estonia. I am grateful to the Lord for graciously using the humble ministry of Brother Moriakoff and myself, as well as other workers in the field. While God's work among Russians here is growing, there is increasing interference of the evil one, through his servants. Not only are worldly people attacking us evangelicals, but from religious circles, also, especially from abroad, come different erroneous teachings. Thus, it is our duty to be watchful. Up to this time, the Lord has blessed in this respect, but I need wisdom and strength to preserve the purity of the gospel in our Russian Evangelical church. I need your prayers.

Your generous help encourages me greatly. I marvel at God's goodness and the way His obedient children in far-away America are sacrificially taking care of us Russians here on the border of Red Russia. My heart is thankful to God for your support of our work. May the Lord abundantly reward you, here on earth and throughout eternity!

The people around us are seeking the truth and we zealously give ourselves to preaching Christ's salvation. I minister regularly in Reval, the capital of Estonia, and I often go to the very frontier of Red Russia, where multitudes of peasants are eager to hear our testimony. It gives us great joy to witness souls accepting salvation through the Blood of the Lord Jesus and to see how their lives are transformed.

In addition to your help, I have been receiving a little pension from the Estonian government for my long service on the railroad. I am sorry to say that this pension has now been cut down, while the rent for my house has been raised. If it were not for your help, it would be, indeed, very difficult for me. Accept my hearty greetings. I am remembering you in prayer.

In these days, when so many belittle and even deny the atoning Sacrifice of Calvary, I plead with you, you who have surrendered, keep very close to the Cross. Keep trusting in the precious blood of Jesus Christ alone, and that will mean victory for you day by day. —*Rev. E. L. Langston.*

Visits and Visitors

By F. A. McGaw (Warsaw, Poland)

"PUBLICLY and from house to house." "Dwelt two whole years in his own hired house and received all that came in unto him."

In addition to the children who come to our rooms at appointed times, we have a good many adults, Jews and Gentiles, who come at different times and for various reasons.

Brother M——

The first one whom I will mention is a fine specimen of German manhood, a Christian. When I was living at Zorawia, he boarded at the same place, and almost every day he would come to my room after dinner for half an hour or so to talk about the things of God. Early in this year, he went to Lodz, his home city. He came back one evening this week. His position in business heretofore had so tied him to his desk that he could get away only after office hours, but now he is arranging to return to Warsaw and be the manager of his own business, so that he can drop business at any moment and answer any call of God. I am praying that he may soon be a "whole time" worker for Jesus Christ, a "minute man" for God. Only last night he quoted to me the verse: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Some of you have already prayed for him. Shall we not all join in praying for the Lord of the harvest to thrust this splendid young German out into these white harvest fields.

A Hebrew Christian

A certain young Hebrew Christian has been in to see me several times. I regard him as a fine young man and a zealous worker among his people. Miss Christoffersen gave him some Yiddish New Testaments, and he seemed very grateful for this help. He says many are earnestly asking for them. He is the only evangelist at M——, which has a large Jewish population. I told him I hoped to visit some of the outlying towns and cities where there are many neglected Jews. He hopes I can visit him at M——.

A Visit Today

We called on Sister M——, a deaconess, who is in charge of an orphanage connected with a certain denomination. Her father was a native of Switzerland, her mother was English, while she was born in Russia and brought up mostly in Germany. She speaks German and Polish perfectly, and English fairly well. But what a mixture of nationalities in some of the European people! A little girl of fifteen boarded at Zorawia. I said to her, "And what nationality are you?" She said, "My mother is German, my father is Russian, I was born in Poland and am nothing."

Sister M—— told us that the pastor who has oversight of the orphanage is facing a financial shortage and proposes to put on a public dance to meet the emergency. This was a great grief to Sister M——, who is a devout, praying Christian. I should think so! Moses sent out word through all the camp of Israel that the people should bring in gifts of gold and silver, precious stones, fine-twined linen, and goats' hair to build a tabernacle. Not long afterward, Aholiab came and said the people were bringing too much, so Moses had to restrain them from giving more. And that was under the law! George Mueller, J. Hudson Taylor, D. L. Moody, and F. A. McGaw have found out that if they have true and living faith, there will be enough and to spare!

Sister M—— meets with us each Tuesday at eleven o'clock for prayer at the home of Mrs. Hall, an elderly English woman who buried her godly sister in December. Mrs. Hall is a fine Christian woman. Oh, there are still in all parts of the world those whom Jesus called "the salt of the earth!"

The University Student

But here comes another visitor! Oh, do pray for him! He is from the Warsaw University, and is a fine student. If permitted, he will graduate in a few weeks. He is giving Miss Christoffersen lessons in Hebrew. She says he knows the Old Testament almost by heart. He is a scholar along all lines. He is of a humble and retiring disposition, an unusual

Jew. We are earnestly praying that God will open his eyes to the truth concerning Christ.

He tells of awful persecution of the Jewish students in the university by Polish students who call themselves "Nationalists." It is a Catholic order, and they seem to be uncontrolled, either by the professors or the city police. Only last week they beat a student almost to death. This week they cruelly tormented another student, and he is in the hospital, not expected to live. They arm themselves with sticks, in the end of which they fasten safety razor blades, with which they cut the clothing and flesh of the victims.

Miss Christoffersen found that this student, her teacher, is living in a room without heat. The thermometer is about 20 degrees below zero, Centigrade, which I figure would be about zero by our thermometer in the U. S. A.

What a power this talented young Jew might be for God! He has a thorough knowledge of the Old Testament and understands Jewish history and the pitiful condition of the Jewish people today. Paul wrote, "Not many mighty, not many noble, are called," but now and then for some special task God raises up some outstanding Jew or Gentile. Surely, it would seem that the situation among 10,000,000 Jews of Europe would warrant our praying for a special worker. While this man teaches Miss Christoffersen the Old Testament Hebrew, she is quietly holding up Jesus Christ in the New Testament, showing how He fulfils types, symbols, and prophecies of the Old Testament. Surely you will wish to put him on your prayer list.

Note. Dear readers of THE HARVEST FIELD, will you please remember my dear friends of the Immanuel Prayer Band of Akron, Ohio. They made possible, under God, my coming to Poland, and they are standing by nobly. I am sending them a letter each month, which is mimeographed. Our mailing list now numbers 328. Remember them and me. I am sure you are praying for Miss Christoffersen. If some of you would send her a cheery note, it would do her good. Our address is Aleja Jerozolimska 79—M—20, Warsaw, Poland.

"It is not enough to have the words of the gospel on our lips, and the evidence of its truth in our understandings—it must take powerful hold of our affections."

CHRISTMAS IN A FAR-AWAY LAND

By MRS. PAULINE NIKOFF

(Bulgaria)

THIS year the observance of Christmas in Bulgaria was rather unusual. In all of our great city of Sofia, no Christmas trees or entertainments were allowed, because of serious epidemics of scarlet fever and diphtheria. Many young people and children died, and the government, through the National Ministry of Education, had to take every measure of precaution to keep the diseases from spreading widely. All schools were closed, and the students were forbidden to visit theaters and other public places. Even our annual church entertainment was forbidden. Thus, all our public Christian activities were stopped. The only thing left for us to do was to go from house to house, visiting our poor families and making them happy, on this greatest day of all.

We got up early on Christmas morning and, after our family worship, packed up our bags with little Christmas gifts, and started on our mission. There were three of us in the party—my husband, myself, and Jako, our orphan boy, who had come to spend the day with us. We carried our bags all the way, because the homes which we were going to visit were far from the street car.

It was a real Christmas! The earth was covered with fresh snow, the air was clear and pleasant, and the sun was shining brightly. We felt as if all the world was joyfully and peacefully celebrating the birth of our dear Saviour.

After traveling for a long time, we stopped before a little house. With great joy, they invited us to enter their home. These poor people live in a single room, which serves as kitchen, bedroom, parlor, etc. The furniture was old and there was little of it. Only our sister and her daughter were at home. After a short conversation, we presented the gifts we had for them and then offered prayer. The lady's eyes filled with tears, and her daughter was deeply moved. With sincere hearts, they expressed their gratitude for the joy we had brought to their home that day.

We soon came to another little house, where live an aged couple. We found them just finishing their morning prayer, and they greeted us with glowing faces. These old people live in a basement room and are very poor, but the old lady said to me, "We are

the richest of people, because we have a glorious Saviour, who makes our hearts exceedingly glad." They are afraid of neither death nor poverty. The Lord is with them—of whom shall they be afraid? After handing them our little gift, we left the house, leaving these old people as happy as two children.

The third home was a Greek Orthodox one—only the mother visits our meetings. When she began coming to us, she was unable to read or write (she is 65 years old), but I taught her to do both. Now, when she saw me, she exclaimed, "Here is my good teacher! I once was blind, but now I see, spiritually as well as physically. Oh, pray, dear teacher, that all my children may have their spiritual eyes opened to see the loveliness of Christ!"

It would take much time to describe everything that happened in all the homes we visited that day. I will not do that, but I wish to stress this one fact, that all those homes, whether Protestant or Greek Orthodox, everywhere we went, had been changed by the Spirit of God. These people are hungry for the Word of God. They long for deeper spiritual life and experience, for a purer, holier, more Christlike manner of living, and for a larger, clearer vision of Christ. May we not pray earnestly for these families, that the Lord may mightily manifest His holy presence in their lives and actions!

With God's help, we visited many homes, coming home late in the afternoon—tired, hungry, and cold, but with happy hearts because of the wonderful personal work we had been privileged to do on this holy day. It was a real Christmas for us, for by our prayers, gifts, and spiritual conversation, we had made many people happy. "Glory to God in the highest!" May God bless us with the Christmas spirit all through the year!

INCIDENTS IN OUR WORK

By Fred Stettler

(Poland)

SOME years ago, a man who had formerly been in America wrote to you for literature. He was living at that time in Eastern Germany. You sent us his address and we sent him literature regularly, both in English and German. He was a real man of God and scattered far and wide the tracts and leaflets which we sent to him for distribution. Several months ago, another man from that part of Germany wrote to us that this Mr. M—— was very ill and expected soon to go to be with the Lord. A few days later the news came that he had passed away. Now this young man writes me his life story. He had drifted from bad to worse until he had become a beggar. About this time, he knocked at Mr. M——'s door. He was invited to come in and sit down. After a short introduction, Mr. M—— gave him a good talk on salvation. The young, wayward beggar was invited to a meeting and was saved. Even before the death of Mr. M——, this young believer took up his literature work and has kept it up unto this day. Only this week I again sent him some literature for distribution. The Lord has provided a successor for Mr. M——. His thoughts and ways are so much higher than ours (Isa. 55 : 8, 9.)

Last fall, when we came here, we engaged a young girl to help us in the home, which is a necessity here. She was a fine Christian girl. This spring she felt she must leave us and we felt very sorry to lose her, but her home affairs demanded that she leave. Now, there are plenty of girls who would come to us, but we could not use just anyone. We finally decided upon a girl who was not yet a believer but who had been seeking the Lord for at least two years. She had been attending meetings for two years, but had not seemed able to come to a real life in Christ and find peace in her soul. She thought that in the home of a missionary and minister of the gospel she most certainly would find that peace, for you know there are some folks who look far more to people for salvation than to the Lord, who alone is able to save. This was quite a burden upon our hearts and we made it a matter of constant prayer. One night I was awakened by the sound of somebody sobbing. I immediately sent my wife to see what it was all about, as the girl now and then had toothache. My wife came back, asking me to get up and pray with the girl, as she had had a terrible dream in which the Lord had appeared and had spoken to her. She was now fully prepared to surrender to the Lord. After a personal talk, we went to prayer, and she now testifies and praises God daily for salvation and forgiveness of sin. She is the second girl who has found salvation and peace in our home.

How the Lord often uses the smallest things as a means of introducing the gospel, we again experi-

enced of late. One day, soon after the mail carrier had delivered the mail, two young boys of high school age rang our door bell and begged for the foreign stamps they had seen on our envelopes. Of course, we gladly do anything we can along that line and we gather all the foreign stamps we can for just such purposes. One of these boys comes to see us almost daily. After we had gained his confidence, we introduced a good story book which contains much gospel truth in story form. He returned the first booklet, saying that he had read all with the exception of the last two pages. He said he had been unable to read any farther, as he had to weep all the time. Two days later we offered him another book which was still better, and he read this, too. He had to hide it from his Roman Catholic parents, for they told him it was all nonsense and he should not believe it. They could not understand why a young fellow should weep over a book. We pray God that the good seed which has been planted in his heart will be watered and in due time bear fruit. God is able to deliver from the awful darkness of Roman Catholicism.

We should like to mention another incident of a seeker who crossed our path. Again it was a Polish Roman Catholic. At a recent conference we arranged an hour for questions. Any question that had any bearing upon Scripture was to be answered. The notes came in from every side. One came from a man far up in the Polish Carpathian mountains. The essence of it was as follows: "Please pray for me. I have no difficulty with Holy Scripture, but I beg of you to pray for me that I might be saved." There were a number of similar requests. Some of these men have never been in meetings, especially conferences. They are simply overwhelmed by the love of the brethren for one another. We sought to help them. Some came after the meeting, asking us to pray for them, for they want to live a life wholly devoted to Christ.

About a week ago I received a letter from one of them, 14 x 9 inches in size and then some smaller sheets. It tells the long, long story of erring and seeking after the living God and salvation in Christ. For days and months he had prayed daily, from 100 to 300 times a day, with the cry: "God be merciful to me!" Finally, the Lord showed him the way to the brethren, the meetings, the gospel, and HIMSELF. After fervent prayers and weeping and seeking for years for salvation in Christ and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, the gospel message fell into his heart like rain upon a thirsty land. In his letter he tells how he has found the Lord, as one that has found great treasure. We pray daily for just such seeking souls, who yearn after the Lord as the hart panteth after the water brooks. God hears and leads us here and there to meet hungry and thirsty souls, and He satisfieth.

After two years I was again permitted to visit the Polish assemblies in Upper Silesia. It is always a great privilege to be at their annual conference. New faces appear each time. This time I was especially encouraged, as the Lord brought two Roman Catholics, both students at the Academy of Arts in Kracow. One seems to be a specially gifted artist. We talked with them until after midnight and feel that they are not far from the kingdom. One has great difficulty in believing about the precious Blood, but he is sincere; the other was reared in a Roman Catholic seminary and seems willing to go all the way with Christ. He came to us several days later, and on the train and in private, everywhere, he sought us out and asked counsel in dozens of his problems. Pray for him, as he was to leave immediately for military service, which may prove a hard trial for such a young soul, yet the Lord is able to bring him through safely. I asked him what his fellow-artists believe. He said: "They are Catholics, but in reality they are, for the most part, atheists." They have a name, but in reality they are nothing, the result of so many anti-Christian movements in Europe and, I suppose, in America, too.

I traveled nearly 1,000 miles and visited many Polish meetings, most of them for the first time. How great is the need for Christian literature among them! If I only had the tens of thousands of tracts that are wasted in many evangelical lands! No, if I only had a fraction of them for the Polish Roman Catholic population! No evangelical books that set forth the thousands of Scripture themes! The editions that we have printed are like a drop on a hot stone. The literature is printed and distributed, and it seems as though it evaporates like rain in the desert. The most recent 28-page pamphlet contains the following themes: "Sham Life," "The Great Fraud in Christendom," "Peace and Safety," "Liberty," The Old Problem," "Man

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We greatly need consecrated leaders in Christian work. We pray that God may keep the work from all selfish elements. Pray for gifted young men and pray for Bible schools. We pray, also, that believers may not be distracted by the many alluring things of this world and that the backsliders may be restored.

May the Lord bless all who are interested in the spread of His glorious gospel!

HARD SOIL, BUT GOD!

By C. Marvakoff

(Bulgaria)

MY PRESENT work is limited to personal visits among the Pomaks, talking with them and giving out literature, as the Bulgarian government will not permit us to hold meetings. Under such circumstances, our Lord gives me strength and wisdom in finding opportune times to talk with them.

This month I shall have good opportunities for working among them, as this is their time of fasting and they will listen to religious talk. I read to them and talk with them, but they are very fanatical and are not willing to be converted, which is my great problem. However, I will visit them again and again, day after day, and talk with them and distribute literature as long as God wants me to do so, until the time comes that they will be converted and saved.

At present, I am using portions of the New Testament—the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—and God Himself is speaking through His own Word concerning real faith and true Christianity. Some months ago, I received $10.00 to be used for the distribution of the Scriptures among the Pomaks. The Bible Society here in Bulgaria gave me, for the above-mentioned money, eight Bibles, 20 New Testaments, 40 booklets of Genesis, 40 of Proverbs, and 80 Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With the use of Scripture portions such as these, the work will prosper.

Pomak Women

One of the Pomaks came to see me and asked for a Bible, promising to read it. I gave him one, which made him very happy. To all who are willing to read it, I have given some portion of God's Word, for they like to read.

Our little congregation stands among the people as a shining light in the midst of darkness. We all want to live in brotherly love and follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour. We are very thankful to God for what He has been doing for us through you. Hearty greetings to all.

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